

C) AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A showerhead assembly which comprises

an axially symmetrical hollow body defining a body cavity and having an a water inlet end, and an a water outlet end and a continuous outer surface, the body having a generally circular cross section in the axial direction,

a face portion, said face portion being disposed at to cover the outlet end of the hollow body and having an outer surface, the face portion including a substantially cylindrical-shaped receiving aperture defined within it, said receiving aperture extending into the body cavity of the hollow body from the outer surface of the face portion and being located at the axial center of the hollow body, and the face portion further having an outer rim and further including a plurality of water flow apertures defined within it, the water flow apertures being disposed between the receiving aperture and the outer rim of the face portion, and

a substantially cylindrical-shaped filter member, said filter member being insertable within the face portion receiving aperture to disposed the filter member between the inlet end and the outlet end of the hollow body,

wherein the filter member is disposed within the showerhead assembly to filter water flowing through the hollow body.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim 2 1 wherein the filter member has a first end having at least one water inlet defined in it, a second end, and a substantially cylindrical-shaped outer surface extending between the first and second ends, the outer filter surface having at least one water outlet defined in it, the assembly

including an inner casing portion wherein the inner casing portion is disposed between the hollow body and the face portion, said inner casing portion being configured to allow water to pass through the at least one water inlet of the first end of the filter member it when as water enters the inlet end of the hollow body and when then pass through the at least one water outlet of the outer surface of the filter member and through the inner casing portion, such that water is discharged from the water flow apertures of the face portion.

4. (Original) The assembly of claim 3 wherein the hollow body includes means for securing the inner casing portion between the hollow body and the face portion.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim 5 4 wherein the filter member includes means for releasably securing the filter member within the face portion.

7. (Original) The assembly of claim 6 wherein the filter member securing means includes at least one key and at least one cooperating keyway disposed between the filter member and the inner casing portion, said keyway being adapted to receive the key therewithin.

8. (Original) The assembly of claim 7 wherein the inner casing portion includes spring means for biasing the filter outwardly of the face portion.

9. (Original) The assembly of claim 8 wherein the filter member is disposably replaceable.

10. (Original) The assembly of claim 9 wherein the face portion is integrally formed as part of the hollow body.

11. (Currently amended) A showerhead which comprises
an axially symmetrical outer casing defining casing cavity and
having a water inlet end and a water outlet end,

a face member for covering the water outlet end of the outer casing, said face member having an outer surface and including an outer rim, a filter-receiving aperture defined within the outer surface, a substantially cylindrical-shaped filter-receiving aperture cavity extending from the filter-receiving aperture and into the casing cavity, the filter-receiving cavity being located at the axial center of the outer casing, and the face member further having a plurality of water spray apertures defined within it, the water spray apertures being disposed between the receiving cavity and the outer rim of the face member.

means for sealingly securing the face member to the water outlet end of the casing,

a substantially cylindrical-shaped water filter, said water filter being functionally adapted to be insertable within through the filter-receiving aperture and into the filter-receiving aperture cavity of the face member, and

means for sealingly engaging the water filter within the receiving aperture cavity of the face member,

wherein the filter is disposed within the showerhead outer casing cavity to filter water flowing through the outer casing.

12. (Currently amended) The showerhead of claim 11 wherein the filter member includes a first water inlet end, a second end and a substantially cylindrical-shaped outer outlet surface extending between the first and second ends and having a plurality of openings through which water may pass and a filter medium contained within it.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) The showerhead of claim ~~13~~ 12 wherein the filter member securing means includes at least one key and at least one cooperating keyway disposed within the showerhead, said keyway being adapted to receive the key therewithin.

15. (Original) The showerhead of claim 14 including spring means for biasing the filter outwardly of the face member.

16. (Original) The showerhead of claim 15 wherein the filter member is disposably replaceable.

17. (Original) The showerhead of claim 16 wherein the face member is integrally formed as part of the hollow body.

18. (Currently amended) The showerhead of claim ~~14~~ 17 wherein the filter member receiving cavity comprises an inner casing.

19. (Original) The showerhead of claim 18 including means for securing the inner casing between the hollow body and the face member.

20. (Original) The showerhead of claim 19 wherein the inner casing is disposed between the outer casing and the face member, said inner casing being

configured to allow water to pass through it when water enters the inlet end of the outer casing and when water is discharged from the water flow apertures of the face member.

21. (Original) The showerhead of claim 20 wherein the outer casing includes internal threads, the face member aperture includes internal threads, and the inner casing includes a first end and a second end, the first and second ends of the inner casing being externally threaded, wherein the first end of the inner casing is threadably receivable by the outer casing and the second end of the inner casing is threadably receivable by the face member for securing the inner casing between the outer casing and the face member.